



DENALI COMMISSION

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
Native Village of Kivalina Evacuation and Access Road

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is going to construct an all-season evacuation road between the community of Kivalina, Alaska, and Kisimigiuqtuq Hill (K-Hill). This site is also identified by the Northwest Arctic Borough (NAB) School District, and approved by the community, as a preferred new location for the community school.

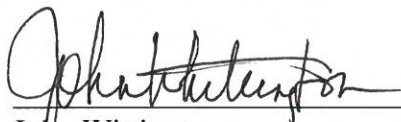
As part of the FHWA Surface Transportation Project Delivery Program (23 U.S. Code [USC] 327), commonly known as the NEPA Assignment Program, the DOT&PF has assumed the FHWA's responsibilities for complying with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and for the environmental review, consultation, or other actions as required by Federal environmental laws on FHWA-funded projects under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with FHWA executed on November 3, 2017. On January 19, 2018 DOT&PF completed its Environmental Assessment and signed its Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on the proposed project.

The Denali Commission (Commission) proposes to issue a grant to the Native Village of Kivalina for \$512,000 which will be added to the project to accomplish the scope of work described in DOT&PF's EA. I have reviewed the attached Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) FONSI and concluded the EA and FONSI adequately describe the project and analyzes the potential environmental impacts.

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In accordance with 45 CFR 900.302(a) the Commission adopts DOT&PF's EA. Based on my review of DOT&PF's EA I conclude that the proposed action will not have a signification impact on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, an EIS is not required.



John Wittington
Authorized NEPA Representative

5 Sep 2018

Date

File: Program/1. Awards (Grant Officer's Master Files)/a. Pending/VIP/Kivalina/1503-2

Attached: http://www.kivalinaroad.org/Kivalina%20Final%20EA_FONSI.pdf

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